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The March On Washington



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JOHN O. HICKMAN

John O. Hickman, 31, died peacefully at home on Sunday October 25 at 5 p.m. surrounded by those who loved him at a Thanksgiving Dinner Celebration in his honor.



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John was best known in the community for his efforts in enlightening the public through various media on issues related to AIDS and People With AIDS. John appeared in two broadcasts aired on Channel 3 and will appear in a third that was filmed in his home shortly before his death, scheduled to run as part of an AIDS Special on Wednesday, November 4 at 7 p.m.

John was a swimmer, a gymnast and a professional dancer, an art that brought



a great deal of joy into his life. He worked as a research assistant for the California State Department of Consumer Affairs.

John had a great love for life, an iron-will determination to enjoy it and an open, caring heart that reached out to all that he met.

His greatest possessions were his many friends from whom he never asked for more than a smile and gave so much in return. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and his Hand To Hand family Margaret, J.B., Joe, Charlie, Frank and Chris.

We all love you John and rejoice in your peace.

TEDD J. HATHAWAY

Tedd J. Hathaway, 48, died at Presbyterian Medical Center on October 5, 1987 after a lengthy battle with AIDS.

Mr. Hathaway grew up in the Sacramento area. Born in Loyalton, California, he was a frameman for Pacific Bell for 10 years and had lived in San Francisco since 1976.

He is survived by his mother, Alice Avery of Citrus Heights, father Charlie Hathaway of Davis and sister, Sue Meanally of Citrus Heights. □

Zohn Artman

Zohn Frederick Artman Jr., who carried a business card identifying him as the "resident wizard" for rock impresario Bill Graham, died of complications from AIDS on October 2.

He was 51 years old. He was best known for his involvement in organizing the Gay Games with his good friend and former lover, the late Dr. Tom Waddell.

Born in Lakeland, Florida, Artman left his home state for San Francisco in 1962. He met rock producer Bill Graham in 1972 and joined his staff as a publicist. In 1981 he left the Graham Organization to begin his own public relations company, Zohn Artman Productions.

At his death he was hatching plans for an international rock concert to benefit AIDS-related services. □

RICHARD K HENDRA

Richard K. Hendra died October 6, just six weeks after being diagnosed with Type B hepatitis. His sudden death is felt as a great loss by all who knew him. A native of Sacramento, Richard graduated from Sacramento High School, Sacramento City College and received a bachelor's degree in music from Sac State College. He served in the Navy in the 60s and was a member of the Naval Reserves for many years. A great teacher, well-liked by his students, Richard taught at Peter Shields Elementary School in Folsom-Cordova Unified School District for the past 23 years. Richard Hendra is remembered as a man with a good sense of humor who was always there for his friends, helpful to others, putting other people first and himself last. Richard is survived by his twin brother, Robert. Any remembrances may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. □

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Where Are Sheriff's Priorities?

Dear Editor:

Something is being ignored by the main stream media in the great Macy's case.

At the same time Macy's was being surveyed by one or more units of the Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Glenn B. Craig was using the media to tell the public how desperate he is for more employees, asking for 141 this year and more over the next two years. He told the Sacramento Bee: "We're telling people, 'We can't help you, even in critical situations.' I'm not anxious to see people get so concerned and the service get so poor that we develop a vigilante mentality because the

Sheriff's Department can't help." (Bee, Aug. 16, 1987).

At the time, Bee reporters found a 45 minute lapse between the time an emergency call went in and the time deputies arrived.

Meanwhile the Sheriff's Department had a stake-out on a men's room, and was also placing several units around Birdcage Walk to catch "youth cruisers".

Is it the prime responsibility of the Sheriff to respond to emergency crime situations, or to abate nuisances?

Yours,
Bruce Tyler

Free AIDS Support Groups

Dear Editor:

Support groups are offered for significant others, friends, and family members of those who are HIV positive, have AIDS or ARC. These groups are free to those who are interested. For further information call Sharon Hartley, L.C.S.W. # L17850 at 454-1655. These groups, funded by the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, have been in progress since 1986, and offer a great deal of support.

Thank You

Sharon Hartley, L.C.S.W.

CORRECTION

Dear Editor:

Please note an update and correction to "Local Funeral Planning and AIDS" that appeared in last month's MGW. Russ Monroe Company, 3030 Fruitridge Road, 422-4421, has provided a price list. W.F. Gormley and Sons Funeral Directors, 2015 Capitol Ave. 443-6513, states they have a price list available to the public as required by "Federal Trade Commission Funeral Rule".

My apologies to those who have been inconvenienced by the previous article.

Raul A. Ortiz

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AND The Union

Dear Editor:

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...The Union sensationalized the case of men engaging in homosexual sex in Macy's men's room...

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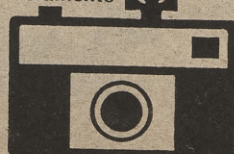
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Proud, (500,000) Strong And United In Washington

by KATE MOORE

The March on Washington was emotional and uplifting, angry and defiant. Every human emotion was represented from the joy of the Wedding to the sadness of the Names Project. The March was a well organized political success. We made our presence and our pride known to the entire country. Gays and Lesbians are proud, strong and for love and for life we're not going back! The feeling of unity is hard to describe in words. Everywhere you looked in Washington D.C. you saw Lesbians and Gays who shared a smile, a story or a message.

Saturday at 2p.m. thousands of Gays and Lesbians and their friends crowded onto Constitution Ave to celebrate the wedding of over 2000 couples. The ceremony was performed by Dina Bachelor, a metaphysical minister. In preparation she requested that everyone remove their watches because time was no consideration. All onlookers joined hands and enclosed the couples in a circle of love as they shared their promises for the future.

The Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Metropolitan Community Church, spoke on the love between he and his lover and the persecution that gays and lesbians receive from oppressive and hateful people, claiming to be speaking for GOD. Several such people attended the wedding with signs of damnation. A feeling of satisfaction swept the crowd as Rev. Perry led the thousands in a crushing chant of Shame! Shame! Shame!

I saw comedienne Robin Tyler in a way I never expected. She spoke at the wedding and the march with a power and commitment of a great leader. She inspired and uplifted us as she spoke. "We are not a movement about crotch politics. We are not a movement from the waist down. We are not a movement of sexual preference. If I never had sex again I'd still be a lesbian!"

The speaker who drove home the importance of legal recognition of gay and lesbian couples was Karen Thompson whose partner, Sharon Kowalski was taken from her care by her parents after Sharon became disabled in an accident. Karen has fought since the beginning to have custody and continues fighting even after she was barred from seeing her. If Karen had the rights of a legal spouse, she could care for Sharon in the home they shared together.

Earlier that day the ashes of

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Harvey Milk were placed at the Congressional Cemetery and he was mourned again by friends and admirers. Leonard Matlovich, a former Air Force Sergeant and co-organizer of the event led, a tour to his future gravestone which read, "The army gave me a medal for killing two men and a discharge for loving one."

Saturday night the Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution hall was taken over by the harmony of Gay and Lesbian bands from all over the United States.

The Names Project was unfurled at dawn on Sunday, all 6800 pounds. Pathways through the sprawling 2000 names were filled with the tears of friends, lovers, and families.

Cleve Jones read the first of the 2000 names, representing only 7 percent of the people who have died from this horrible disease. With this graveyard sprawled out on the mall in front of the Capitol, did the President care enough to see it? Did he care enough to open his eyes to the need for more funding for AIDS research?

The massive crowd gathered at the Ellipse slowly sorting into groups by state or organization. At noon the procession marched through the cement and pillars of the Capitol city and brought it to life while the rhythms of Sista Boom and other Gay bands filled the groups with the essence of unity and power.

Leading the march were people from all walks of life; from actress Whoopie Goldberg to politician Harry Britt. People with AIDS were also at the front of the procession and they were supported by all who followed.

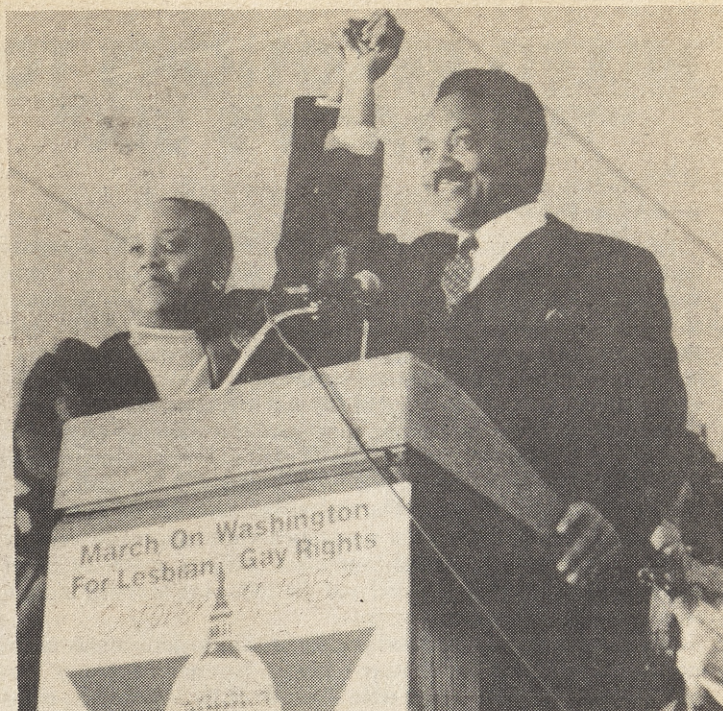
For over 4 hours hundreds of thousands of people poured onto

the mall. Some of the many diverse groups represented were Living Sober, Gay Mormons, Black and White Men Together, Witches and Pagans, Dignity, Metropolitan Community Church, Cute Girls of America, The Lesbian Democratic Club, Lesbian and Gay Veterans, along with Sacramento's own contingency.

Speeches and entertainment went on for hours. Highlights of our day were again, a powerful speech by Robin Tyler in which she said, "...to hell with Bork and to hell with the Reagan Administration!" Whoopie Goldberg spoke of the children with AIDS and Reagan's negligence when she said, "I want to hear how it sounds when 500,000 people ask President Reagan: How long?" The keynote speaker of the day was Jesse Jackson who also spoke on AIDS and the Reagan Administration's inept handling of the epidemic. He was at the March to show his support for Gay and Lesbian issues and his need to have our support during the upcoming presidential election. "I stand with you today, stand with me in November". Other speakers and entertainers were Harvey Fierstein, Thelma Houston, Holly Near, Robert Blake, and Cesar Chavez.

As the event came to a close many poured into the subway singing "We are a gentle loving people, marching for our lives". We overtook the scattered tourist who looked with wide eyed amazement as our powerful essence filled the futuristic depot. As the train appeared the song changed to "We are a pushing shoving people" and we laughed out loud. Zip... the train was gone and this historic day was over but it will live in our memories forever.

photo by EILEEN HYLAND



Jesse Jackson (with his wife) was the keynote speaker at the March

photo by KATE MOORE

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MIXED REACTIONS TO "THE MACY'S SIX"

OPINION:

by DAVID MARCUS

Last month's arrest of the six individuals who allegedly engaged in lewd activities and conduct in the third floor restroom of Macy's Sunrise Store prompted a wide debate of the conduct of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Officers and of the media that covered the event. Within the gay and lesbian community itself there arose questions of responsibility and ethics that were accentuated by the suicide-death of a 73 year-old widower included in the investigation.

Facts surrounding the case are simple; after a stop-and-go observation period Sacramento County Sheriff officers, responding to public complaints, obtained a search warrant enabling them to place a video camera in a ceiling opening. During the second week of August, individuals named in the warrant were taped while supposedly engaging in the illegal conduct. In mid-September, officers contacted the individuals to verify their identity, and the following Monday morning orders were issued for their arrest.

Sacramento's media reported the arrests as the individuals named included a long time TV weather reporter, Norman "Stormin' Norman" Jacobs. It wasn't more than a couple of days, however, before criticism began to pour in from the gay community; criticism of the media, Macy's and of the Sheriff's Department. Rev. Jerry Sloan, director of Sacramento's Lambda Community Center, accused Sheriff Glen Craig of "using a cannon to swat a fly." Indeed the charges are only misdemeanors, punishable by a maximum \$1,000 fine and six months in the county jail. It was this fact, coupled with the extended use of county resources, that prompted many to suggest that other measures should have been used to curb the restroom activity.

Locally, Macy's claimed to have only "cooperated" in the investigation, but as criticism mounted and calls were made for a possible boycott of Macy's on a national level, their corporate office quickly made conciliatory moves towards the gay community. Sloan was contacted by Macy's Chief Counsel in New York, who in turn arranged for a meeting with several of Sacramento's gay community leaders in Washington DC during the "March on Washington."

Anyone remotely aware of closeted gay activity will acknowledge the reputation Macy's Department Stores have for deviant sexual encounters. Of course most stories are blown out of proportion, but in larger cities, the company has handled the potential of lewd activities internally. In some cases signs have been posted warning of continued observation by security staff, and passive structural changes have been made. Just why measures such as these were not used at the Sunrise store has yet to be explained.

Indeed, it appears that this store took steps to ensure that the activity would go on, at least long enough to capture evidence on video tape. It has been reported that a single bathroom stall door was removed to encourage activity only within the visual range of the camera. That the Macy's security people knew steps to redirect or change behavior patterns suggests that maybe they could have headed the problem off much earlier than they did.

No one will deny that the arrest of the so called "Macy's Six" is most tragic for those directly involved. The responsibility of Sacramento's gay community to those people however, became another topic that was hotly debated. Psychological profiles of persons likely to engage in anonymous sexual activity indicate that it is the married man, living at home with his family and suffering from sexual identity problems that is most likely to participate. These people are not representative of the gay community, indeed according to Sloan, they choose to engage in this activity specifically because they do not want to be identified with the activity they are engaging in.



"Some of these pieces just don't seem to fit."

MGW PROFILE

Sheriff Glen Craig

Glenn Craig, the Sheriff of Sacramento County, was interviewed for MGW by staff writer Karl Greene, who reports that the sheriff is reasonable, professional and willing to listen.

by KARL GREENE

MGW: Sheriff Craig, you are well aware that the relationship between the gay community and law enforcement agencies has often been poor. Gay men, especially, have been the target of police work. Gays and lesbians have often seen law enforcement officers as their oppressors rather than their protectors. Is there any hope of changing that negative relationship in this county?

Sheriff Craig: Society has changed a great deal in recent years. It was just a few years ago, before Willie Brown's consensual sex bill was passed, that vice officers spent some of their time dealing with homosexual acts. Suddenly, society's attitudes have changed and those same acts are permissible.

Not every officer has been able to quickly readjust his or her attitudes to correspond with new realities. Members of your community may feel dislike from some officers. But things are changing. Many younger officers have a different attitude. It's similar to the situation we faced when women were first hired as CHP officers. Initially, some of the older officers, comfortable with traditional attitudes, were hostile to the female recruits. Young officers who have grown up in the service alongside women, are perfectly comfortable with female officers.



Sheriff Craig

(Editor's note: Sheriff Craig was formerly the chief executive officer of the California Highway Patrol.)

MGW: At a recent meeting, members of the River City Democratic Club discussed the merits of having openly gay and lesbian police officers and sheriff's deputies working in this county. Are there any gay deputies on your staff?

Sheriff Craig: I don't know because we don't ask. But, I can tell you that it is my goal to have my staff reflective of the community and I know we have a lot of work to do.

MGW: Because of the negative relationship between gays and officers that we discussed earlier, it

may be difficult to get gays to apply for jobs as deputies. Do you have any plans to recruit gays and lesbians to apply for jobs as deputies?

Sheriff Craig: Well, I'm not sure there is a problem in this area that needs rectifying. In order to justify a plan, we would have to have a way to measure the success of that plan. And how could we do that? How could we identify everyone's sexual orientation? To do so would be infringing on people's rights as individuals. But there is no prohibition against gay men and women working in the Sheriff's Department. You are welcome to apply for work here.

MGW: Do you have an affirmative action plan?

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CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE IS CIVIL DEFENSE

MGW writer Lil Sibley was among the estimated 900 arrested during the civil disobedience action on October 13 outside the United States Supreme Court in Washington D.C. Her account of what happened follows...

by LIL SIBLEY

"What are you *doing* here?! My law-abiding voices were trying desperately to be heard above the din of 4,000 demonstrators, as I stood across the street from the Supreme Court. I remembered the sign I had seen at the March: "...with liberty and justice for all (offer void where prohibited by law)." I knew damn well why I was there. I linked arms with the people next to me and told the voices where they could go.

This action was designed to advance in "waves". As one wave came forward to be swept away by the police, another would come in to take its place. Each wave was comprised of several "affinity groups" — connected people who would face arrest together and look out for each other in jail, while other group members provided outside support, making sure no one would be singled out or be lost in the system. These groups had delightfully pointed names — "I'm With Her," "A Queer and Present Danger," "Sassy Sodomites."

The barricades protecting the hallowed ground of the Plaza were already in place when we arrived, guarded by police in their infamous yellow rubber gloves. Not to be outdone were hundreds of protesters sporting *their* yellow rubber gloves, along with "The United Fruit Company" in pink gloves and matching clutch purses chanting, "Your gloves don't match your shoes!" It would seem the yellow gloves are destined to join the pink triangle as symbols of our resistance.

When our wave confronted the barricades, I found myself feeling exhilarated and defiant but slightly disappointed at how utterly civilized the arrests were being conducted. The police temporarily parted the barricade and practically invited us onto the Plaza. As soon as we reached the center, we were told to leave or be arrested. How fickle! Littering the area with pink triangle confetti, one by one we were cuffed with plastic ties, frisked, numbered and photographed.

Then it was off to the Metro holding facility (or the armory, or the police academy). With nearly 900 arrests, waiting to be processed was like being trapped in an LA traffic jam (the arrest figure is unverified — I suspect only the FBI knows for sure).

Having four hours to kill waiting to be removed from the bus, we had to entertain ourselves. One man

...As my face began to tingle from hypoxia and borderline panic, I imagined we could all quietly suffocate and they wouldn't reach us until they came to unload us.

produced a condom and addressed the other men, "I know you've all had a man tell you he didn't want to wear a condom because, well, they're too...tight. That's bullshit." He proceeded to unroll the condom over his head, creating a shiny stocking mask complete with tiny reservoir protruding from the top. While we pee'd our pants from laughter and from not being allowed off the bus, he pondered what to do with the "used" rubber. He decided to leave it behind and let the police have their dirty fantasies.

At last we were taken inside, frisked, thumbprinted and separated by sex into holding cells. Now we had the option of forfeiting \$100 for a collateral release or going to arraignment where we could plead guilty (\$50 fine or 3 days in jail) or not guilty (bail out and come back for trial). About half chose the collateral release. I ended up going to arraignment, since the police had temporarily lost the money sent in by my outside support. As it turned out, they did me a favor.

Eventually we were shipped off to the custody of the U.S. Marshal. So far, our dealing with the police had been mostly friendly, but here the atmosphere was decidedly hostile. The marshal in charge of us was a believer in winning through intimidation and affected a walk that was part pit bull, part sumo wrestler. Two of our group decided to call her bluff and were separated out to be returned to Metro to await arraignment the next day, while the

rest of us were hustled off to a holding cell. After a short time, the chagrined marshal returned with the two women in tow. Apparently, the deputies on the bus had refused to take them since they hadn't brought them. Sounded like a union dispute.

From then on chaos ruled. The assignment of new lockup numbers" was interrupted almost as soon as it began. When the marshals came to call the numbers, no one responded. We could not convince them that the numbers were not ours. They would accuse us of not cooperating and go off in a snit, only to return thirty minutes later to run the drill again. Still, with so many Jane Doe's and Sharon Kowalski's in their care, I can't blame them for not trusting us.

Gradually the cells were cleared until I was the only one left in the cell block, and still they could not produce the correct number. They resorted to comparing arrest photos, to no avail. I sat alone in my cell, loudly singing bits of appropriate songs ("Makin' a list, checkin' it twice, gonna find out who's naughty or nice..." to remind them of my presence, marvelling at the acoustics of the empty block. When they finally located my documents, they rushed me into the courtroom; at 2:02 a.m. The judge had set the final cutoff at 2:00 and refused to hear my case. Back to square one.

They sealed 12 of us into a small police van and apparently took us to the wrong place. We sat, and sat And sat. We pounded on the walls, begging the driver to open the doors and give us air, but he pointedly ignored us. As my face began to tingle from hypoxia and borderline panic, I imagined we could all quietly suffocate and they wouldn't reach until they came to unload us. My kamikaze voices piped up to comfort me, "But just imagine the publicity!" Thanks.

When we were finally returned to Metro, alive but subdued, all 72 women were held in one cell for over two hours. Women were sleeping wall to wall, on the floor, curled up around toilets, under sinks, in shower stalls. An adjacent cell full of empty beds went unused. At 5:00 a.m., we were printed again, given a 4th number and allowed access to the rickety beds. Next we were

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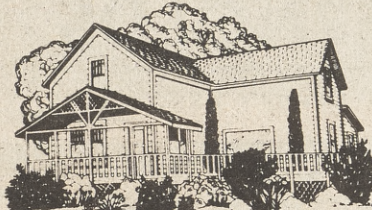
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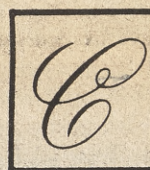
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AIDS Foundation Receives Award

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AIDS Leaders Appeal To United Nations

Leaders of AIDS research joined by members of the United States Congress, appealed to the Secretary-General and General Assembly of the United Nations to take a leading role in assuring a comprehensive, coordinated and aggressive international response against the worldwide AIDS pandemic.

The members of Congress called upon the United Nations not only to generate resources and common commitment to the struggle, but also to "establish world standards on cooperative medical research, expedited and fair access to drugs and treatment, public education, testing and confidentiality, professional responsibilities, free travel and transit between countries, and preservation of civil liberties and principles of the United Declaration of Human Rights." □

Group Launches Ads

The Human Rights Campaign Fund is placing full page ads in major newspapers across the country to draw attention to limits Congress is placing on AIDS prevention education programs in 1988. The amendment orders government not to pay for AIDS prevention educational programs that discuss sex outside of monogamous marriage, and forbids the frank and open discussions about sex and drugs essential to effective AIDS prevention. Specifically, the amendment would strip funds that "promote or encourage, directly or indirectly,

homosexual sexual activities." A literal reading of the Helms Amendment could prohibit distribution of the U.S. Surgeon General's Report on AIDS, since the Report explicitly discusses means to prevent sexual transmission of the disease. □

UCD Receives \$1.2 Million In Funds

The University of California, Davis has received a record \$1,221,942 in state funds for AIDS research. The \$1.2 million includes \$378,000 for the AIDS Virus Diagnostic Laboratory on campus; \$793,942 for 12 individual research awards (among them \$105,433 for development of an AIDS vaccine); and an investigator's research award of \$50,000.

The \$1.2 million is part of \$10 million appropriated for the 1987-88 fiscal year by the state Legislature on the recommendations of the University-wide Task Force on AIDS.

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Audrey Mertz: Giving Back What She Has Been Given

by DELL RICHARDS

Audrey Mertz, 59, doesn't see herself as "Lady Bountiful" nor does she live by the code of noblesse oblige. But she does believe in doing her part. Without making a lot of fuss, she gives 5 percent of her income to charity each year. Thanks to her, over 50 gay and feminist organizations in her home town had more money to keep them going last year.

By most standards, Mertz isn't a rich woman. She's not a John D. Rockefeller or an Armand Hammer. A psychiatrist who has worked for state hospitals and mental health agencies most of her life, she earns slightly over \$50,000 a year. Although that is a comfortable income by most standards, she also helps support a college-age child on the money. But, she knows the importance of having alternative services available to everyone, especially those who cannot afford them.

"Since I work in government, I know how slowly those organizations work," Mertz said. They have their merits in terms of lobbying and education, but to be able to just do something quickly, by your own efforts and your own fund-raising is often what's needed."

Mertz finds much of her strength in the gay and lesbian community. She knows how valuable it is because she's had to live without it.

In 1969, after having been married 18 years, she got involved with another woman. She always had been drawn to women but until that fateful year, she'd never had the courage to test her true feelings.

When she told her husband, he reacted with rage, wanting the financial booty from the marriage and demanding the whole store — the house, the assets, the five

children and child support. Although she fought, less than a month later she fled her home in Hawaii to take a job in rural Alaska. There, she found herself completely alone for the first time in almost 20 years.

"I got a going-away gift — a set of matched luggage — and I left with all my worldly goods in this set of matched luggage," she said, her voice choking between tears and laughter as she recalls one of the harshest periods in her life. "It was so sad. I was at bottom, rock bottom."

Although she was thousands of miles away from the hostilities, the fear of her husband cutting off visitation rights and blocking her

...I enjoy giving...

from ever seeing her children again made her quiver in the closet. Being in a new job in a strange town didn't help either.

"There was no way I could let anybody know what I had been through," Mertz said "I couldn't even let them know I had had to leave my children, much less that I was gay."

"I was so afraid of making a false move. It was the first time they'd ever had a psychiatrist living in this tiny town of 5,000 people."

"I had no lesbian friends, no support system whatsoever. I was very depressed."

Mertz did eventually find someone to lean on — another woman who also had lived in Hawaii. And her husband never made good on his threats of barring her from her children. But as a result of that traumatic experience, Mertz began to give to gay and

feminist charities on a regular basis. By doing so, she hopes other women will be able to avoid the kind of pain she's been through.

But money isn't all Mertz gives. She also gives another one percent — or more — in goods. This year, local organizations also received art for walls, books for libraries and prizes for raffles.

"I especially enjoy giving art work," Mertz said. "I buy art work to support the artist — especially lesbians — and I've done that with photographs, paintings and sculpture. I enjoy it myself for a while and then give it to organizations so other people can see it and the artist gets publicity."

As a continuous patron of the arts, Mertz comes closest to the stereotype of the wealthy person who can afford to give to charity. But she isn't wealthy; she believes in putting her money where her heart is — helping artists make a living on their work.

But money isn't the only contribution this busy woman makes.

Being a career woman, she works more than a 40-hour week but she also gives freely of her time. In the 10 years since she came to Sacramento, she's helped found numerous feminist and gay organizations — including a women's health clinic, a children's sexual abuse treatment program and a legal services arm of the National Organization for Women (NOW). As a board member, she's allowed organizations to use her name and professional contacts.

She does it because it's needed. Without her — or someone like her — the organizations may not survive.

"None of these organizations ever have much money to work

See Audrey on pg. 20



Audrey Mertz

photo by DELL RICHARDS

Doing What Hurts Most: Giving Money

by DELL RICHARDS

Thanks to Reaganomics and a slowing economy, non-profit organizations face an uphill battle. Although the need for social services increased steadily, the government has quit blithely picking up the tab. As Congress struggles to meet limits set by the Gramm-Rudman Act and budget cuts go into effect, the amount of public money available is dwindling. That leaves the private sector — you and me — to make up the difference.

Non-profit organizations also are being pinched by the 1986 Federal Tax Reform Act — which limits deductions for the upper and lower ends of the financial spectrum. If you don't itemize, charitable donations are no longer deductible. If you are a true philanthropist and give a lot, the deduction is reduced.

With both the government and the public giving less, non-profit organizations will find it even harder to survive. Many may not.

The national trend is even more exaggerated in the gay and lesbian community. Although no one knows how much money gay and lesbian non-profit organizations take in annually, there are almost 2,500 organizations nationwide which will be affected. Not all of them are tax-exempt but all will have to struggle to survive.

For example: The Sacramento AIDS Foundation (SAF) serves hundreds of clients a year, gives counseling to another thousand and provides AIDS educational information to almost ten thousand. To do this, it needs 10 full-time employees, 6 part-timers, two unpaid interns and 170 volunteers.

Like most AIDS foundations, it offers counseling and emotional support to people with AIDS, their families and loved ones as well as people who test HIV positive. It also provides regular social services — meals, house cleaning, transportation, clothing, emergency funds and legal assistance — to people with AIDS and ARC.

In addition to the practical and emotional services, the foundation also publishes brochures, gives seminars and workshops and answers a continuous stream of telephone questions as part of the prevention and education arm. And it participates in research.

The cost: \$600,000 per year.

Although that may seem like a bank-full, it's only a drop in the bucket. United Way estimates that over \$87 billion was given to almost 900,000 tax exempt organizations across the U.S. in 1986.

But those amounts are peanuts compared to the real pros — televi-

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Following Sam: Observing A Wild Male Orangutan In A Tropical Forest

by AUDREY MERTZ

At 4:30am I set out on the trail by flashlight with a science enthusiast from Los Angeles and two young Dayak men. We were in Tanjung Puting National Park in central Borneo, Indonesia, at the Orangutan Research and Conservation Project. The Dayaks led us on a trail through peat swamp forest, then cross-country through dense brush laced with vines to the spot where they had seen Sam make his nest the day before. Sam, a mature male orangutan, was sleeping alone some hundred feet above us, in a tree top.

We put up our nylon cord hammocks and waited for Sam to wake up. We newcomers had our first mavelous experience of tropical rain forest coming alive at dawn. What magic! Gibbons sing to their mates. Monkeys and squirrels scamper by. Insects and birds serenade.

A cascade of urine announced that Sam was up. He shook his tree and made a very loud long call. This is a series of rumbles and bellows, using throat pouch as

resonator. Each adult male has a distinctive call, marking his location. This keeps other males away, unless it is time for a contest for dominance. It also lets adult females know his location, so any in estrus can come and consort. Orangutans in the wild are solitary creatures. Honeymoons are brief and seldom.

Sam soon settled in a huge tree loaded with tiny flowers. Orangutans subsist on fruit, but at that time none of the many varieties of fruit trees were bearing. So flowers, leaves, vines, bark or termites were next best.

There we were, resting in hammocks, staring up at the orange giant high above, unable to take clear pictures at such a distance and through layers of foliage. I wondered why it required four people to watch one orangutan eat flowers for four hours. (On another day Sam and Zorro battled, Sam retreated to lick his wounds, and Zorro charged the observers. Four people were needed to record it all, support each other, and tell our exciting stories back at camp.)



Finally on this tranquil day, Sam moved slowly on, bending one tree toward another and swinging his bulk along, using feet as easily as hands. Occasionally he sat on a horizontal limb and rested.

In late afternoon Sam put out a burst of activity. He pushed over a 75-foot dead tree after making a long call. He swung down to about 30 feet above us and observed us for a while. We got a clear view of his round, flat face expanded by wide cheek pouches, his long, powerful arms and hands, and his handsome orange coat.

After this mild confrontation, Sam ascended to the top of another

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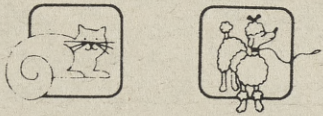
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MGW FLASH!

by JUDY WRIGHT

Good Grief...It's November already and I haven't got the plastic paid off from last Christmas! I was sure I was going to win the 6/49 this year, sometime! Oh well the Governor is giving all of his subjects (that pay taxes) a rebate come December — That'll help! • Movin' right along...It was sweet **Shannon Morgan**, of **Blue Moon** fame, that I saw on National T.V. for the March on Washington, looking good Shannon and such timely answers for the Media Mongers. (Remember that Christmas party in 83' with "the Boys" in Gold River?) • Our very own "Washington Newlyweds", **Kate Moore** and **Sara Myers** had their picture on the front page of the **Washington Post "Metro"** section! How was the honeymoon girls? • Yet another local celeb was featured in the National Media. Ex-Sacramentan and MGW writer, **Cleve Jones**, was honored as the ABC News "Person of the Week" for his efforts as director of the Names Project. • My friend **Pat** recently spent a fast weekend in Boston and brought me back the New England Bay Windows Newspaper...looks like a Flash column would go well on page 3...She had a (conservative) blast! • My friends **Hugh** and **Paula** recently took in an evening at **The Metro** in San Francisco...the cocktails and dining were superb — stop by if you're in the area. • The ever popular **Bay Brick** in SF bit the dust this past month due to heavy competition of 3 new bars opening...**Francines** in the Castro, **Elaines** on Valencia and a weekend only disco **Code-Blue**. Sorry to see the Bay Brick go, it had so many nooks and cranny's! • News from the Russian River is that **Fifes** had new owners, but the deal fell through • Congratulations to

Feminine Legal Service for being in Sacramento for 5 years. Bravo! • **Dr. Karen Chaney**, a 1984 Graduate of the L.A. College of Chiropractic has opened a beautiful new office in the South Natomas (Fucia Flats, I believe they are now calling it) area of our fair city. Welcome to town Doctor, I know you'll like our River City. • **Jerry** a cute Sac State University Student tells me of an upcoming production of "10 X Tennessee", an evening with **Tennessee Williams**. There will be short plays and poems that will delight your imagination. Dates for that event will be December 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11 and 12. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Lets all go out and support our future Academy Award winners! • We have more creativity coming from **Michael Nava**, a local novelist, his newest mystery Anthology is being prepared. His last book "The Little Death" was highly praised by both gay and mainstream reviewers. • Happy New Year to all of our Jewish Readers...also a brochure has been published by the **New Jewish Agenda** about Lesbian and Gay Jews in the Community...I always hoped that my daughter would marry a good Jewish Boy! • Hats off to the adolescent population, including my daughter **Kerri** and her closest friend **Jason**, growing up in today's Community continues to be a struggle, but these two continue to shine! • "Lets Get Excited" the 3rd annual S.A.C.W.N. Meeting and Dance held on Saturday, October 17, was a great time...everyone danced their hearts out and the decorations by **Balloon Celebrations** were out of this world!! • Birthday greetings to all you November Pleasure Babies...**Hugh**, **Sandy B.**, **Cris**, **Sandy**, **Mary**, **Jeanne** of **The Left Bank Gallery** in Folsom, and my favorite hairdresser **Pat Medina** • Christmas is just around the corner and besides **Subscriptions to Mom Guess What Newspaper**, a great gift idea is a

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by STEVE MABS

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Jeff Goldman, heading up the Ex-
ecutive Board, the Men's Chorus
will offer new opportunities for
Sacramento to be entertained and
enriched by its music. It looks as
though the tradition begun decades
ago will continue for years to come.
The Chorus appreciates the support
of the Sacramento community dur-
ing the past three years, and looks
forward to continued growth. If
anyone is interested in joining the
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*Writer, Steve Mabs, was the
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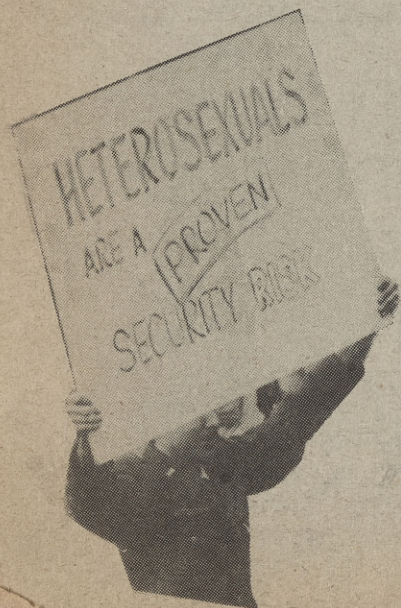
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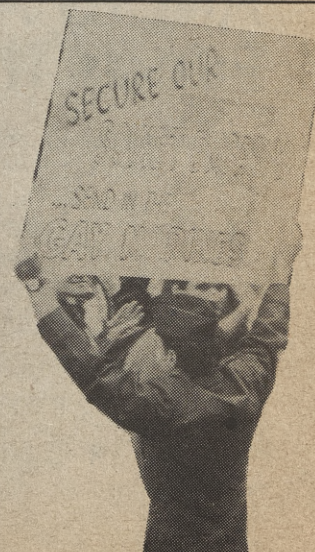
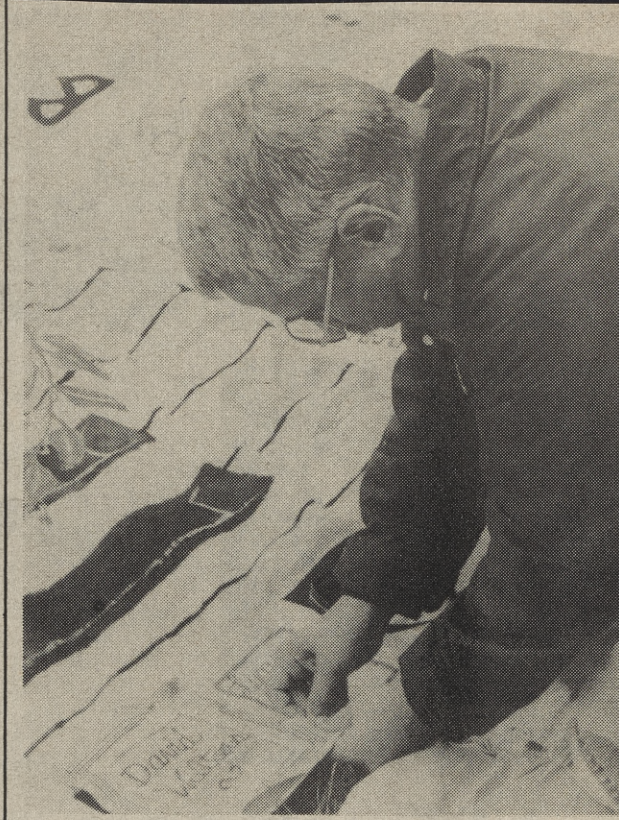
The Sacramento March on Washington Committee held a reception to welcome Sacramentans to Washington, D.C. Pictured above are Sue Thompson, Jan Annis, Karen Vinciguerra, Vicki Flournoy and Bob Leduc.

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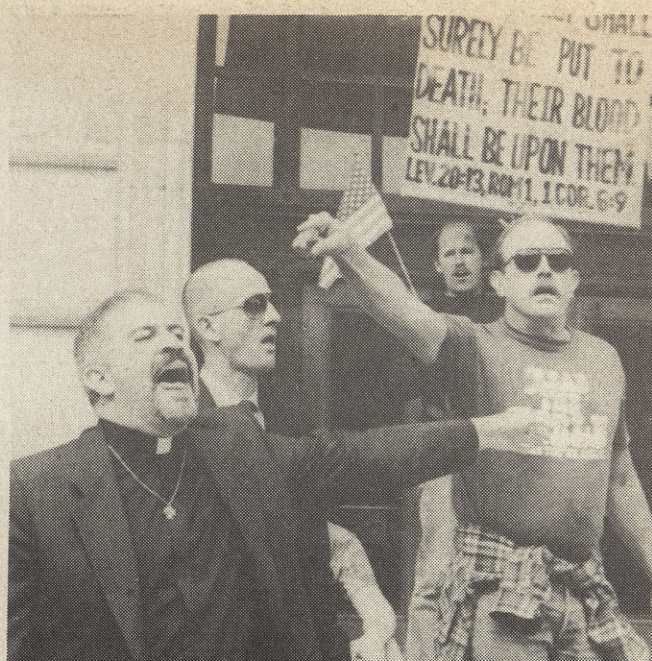


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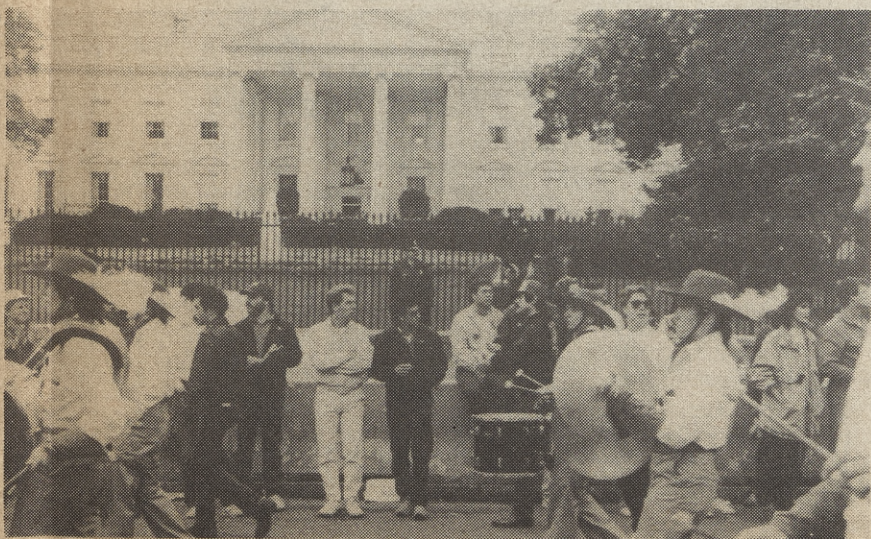
"Love Makes a Family. Nothing Else, Nothing Less," the slogan chosen by organizers of The Wedding, speaks to the need for lesbian and gay families to be recognized legally and socially.

(Left) Kate Moore and Sarah Myers of Sacramento, two of the hundreds being married.



Reverend Troy Perry, founder of The Universal Fellowship of MCC, shields the crowd from anti-gay fanatic screams.

(Below) Two lovers kiss while being arrested at the Supreme Court.



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MGW ENTERTAINMENT

Lesbian Theatre Alive And Well

by Rosita Gonzales

"Women On Stage", a collection of three one act plays dealing with lesbian themes, was performed at Sacramento City College last month. In the first selection, *The Date* written and directed by Karen Jay, Claire (Mitch Prefach) and Erin (Nikki Costa) evaluate a long but unproductive list of possible dates for Erin. Erin decides to place an ad in *Mom Guess What Newspaper* to find her "cosmic" date. The friends have many comical moments as they write Erin's ad and later review the responses. With help from Claire, Erin picks the lucky woman who asks that she be written, not phoned, about the time and place of the date. The night arrives and a nervous Erin prepares to meet her fate. Much to the surprise of Erin and the audience, mystery date is with her, best friend Claire. This was an amusing, entertaining play.

The Opera S

by WAYNE R. ANDERSON

It is telling that the SFO chose to open its ho-hum fall season with Rossini's *Barber of Seville*. While the opera is a masterpiece, and the performance was good, this was hardly the kind of innovative work this company used to be famous for.

Leo Nucci's smooth light baritone and convincing acting made Figaro a likeable guy, more good-natured than clever. Thanks to Susanne Mentzer's rich agile mezzosoprano and excellent acting, Rosina was a real participant in all the plotting, not just an innocent bystander. New Zealand tenor Patrick Power (U.S. debut) was miscast as Amaviva. Though his voice has a sweet sound, it gets airy higher up, and the role's vocal agility was beyond him. Baritone Renato Capecchi has little voice left, but all his years of singing have made him a real pro. His Dr. Bartolo was a real person rather than a grotesque caricature. Nicolai Ghiurov's bass still gave glimpses of how phenomenal that voice once was. Unfortunately it is too thick for Basilio and his acting made the music teacher seem more like a booby than a crafty schemer. Susan Neve's extraordinarily powerful voice was very exciting as Berta, but ruined the effect by screaming her high notes. If she can control these, there is a first-class instrument there.

Conductor Alberto Zedda chose lively tempos, but too often drowned the singers. The single set was a 3-story house with panels that slid open and closed as needed. The supertitles allowed the audience to appreciate the humor in the words, so the singers did not have to mug for laughs.

What better work to follow Rossini's fun-loving barber than Richard Strauss's decadent *Salome*? Based upon Oscar Wilde's play, the people in this opera still seem indulgently degenerate to us, in spite of all the real-life horrors the 20th century has dished up. In this 1982 production, the stage is dominated by immense receding metallic pillars framing a giant modernistic chandelier, all against a vivid blue backdrop. A huge black hole — Jonn the Baptist's cistern — takes up most of the floor space. The women wore party dresses. Herod had on some sort of sci-fi

I Just Came To Say I Love You, written by Lynne Ohlson and Linda Tretheway and directed by Susan Goodrich, tells a familiar story

directed by Linda Tretheway takes on the serious topic of AIDS. Julie (Lisa Clement) and Donna (Karen Jay) have met to grieve for Julie's

looking cape, and the muscular guards sported little more than G-strings. Obviously historic realism is not the point here. What this production does manage to do is suggest the totally inhuman world of Herod's court, making the excesses of this opera plausible.

Gwyneth Jones' huge soprano had all the power needed to dominate the orchestra, but occasionally produced the effect of a fingernail on the blackboard when she tried for soft high notes. Her Dance of the Seven Veils, more poses than dancing, was adequate, and we are not likely to see a better Salome these days. Helga Dernescho oozed degeneracy as Herodias, but James King was vocally pale as the tetrarch Herd. Michael Devlin, though he could have used a bit more sound, looked perfect as Jokanaan. With his pale thin body (of which we saw plenty), he looked like an ascetic, yet was sexy enough that we could easily understand Salome's arousal. Conductor John Pritchard built the opera carefully to the musical (and physical) orgasm of the final scene as Ms Jones lasciviously embraced the head.

The big sell-out for this season has been the new John Cox-David Hockney production of Mozart's *The Magic Flute*. While it is an attractive production, generally well-sung, it didn't quite live up to expectations. Originally designed for the 1987 Glyndebourne festival, the sets produce some striking effects with huge painted sheets. Entire pillars were merely hanging fabric, yet they achieve remarkable depth and color through the lighting. The Egyptian setting is evident, yet not slavishly followed. Sarastro's men

lovable but simple Papageno, and Frank Kelley was a whiny almost sympathetic Monastatos. Hungarian soprano Etalka Csavlek (U.S. debut) sang Pamina with a large rich voice that turned wiry at the very top, detracting from the *Mann un Weib* duet and "Ach, ich fuhl's". Luciana Serra sounded like a siren as the Queen of the Knight, but she hit all those stratospheric notes with deadly accuracy. Kevin Langa was a disappointing Sarastro. The 3 ladies (Deborah Voigt, Kathryn Cowdrick and Judith Christin) made a big hit. Conductor Friedeman Layer coaxed extremely transparent crystalline sound from the orchestra, allowing all the voices to come through clearly. His tempos were often slow, which sometimes gave problems in shaping phrases notably Araiza in "Dies Bildnis".

This production did not really give us any new insights into this great opera and, despite some beautiful sets, was rather conventional. Yet it packed the theater. Safe times are upon us. □

PBS To Air AIDS Special

Judy Woodruff, chief Washington correspondent for *The McNeil/Lehrer Newshour*, will serve as moderator for a thirty-minute follow-up panel discussion to *AIDS: Changing The Rules*, a powerful half-hour special featuring Ron Reagan, Model Beverly Johnson and salsa star Ruben Blades. The thought-provoking film and discussion will air nationally over PBS on Friday, November 6, at 10pm. □

SHERIFF

From pg. 4

native action plan that includes specific recruiting of groups such as Blacks, Asians and women?

Sheriff Craig: Yes, we have an extensive recruitment program. From the standpoint of minorities and women, we are vastly under-represented. Right now, among our deputies we have 25 blacks, 45 Hispanics, 17 Asians and one Native American. We're recruiting applicants in order to increase the pool of minorities and women to draw from for higher level positions.

One of the steps we've taken is this: we've changed the exam system to expand the number of persons in each rank on the eligible lists. For example, we recently gave an exam for Deputy Sheriff Trainee and there are 264 people in the first three ranks from that exam. Of that number, about 38% are minorities! About 17% are women! The new trainee class which will start in January will be about 50% minorities! So, you see, changes are underway.

MGW: Why has it taken so long for the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department to act effectively on affirmative action? After all, affirmative action has been around for more than 20 years.

Sheriff Craig: Obviously, I was not part of the decision-making process before becoming sheriff. But I can assure you of my own commitment in this area. When this recent trainee exam was administered, I personally met with

the oral interview panels to remind them that minorities and women were not cut out of the process unnecessarily. We intend to send out the message that all qualified candidates are welcome, regardless of their sex, color, orientation or whatever.

MGW: Speaking of orientation, we are interested in knowing about your policy of handling AIDS and people with AIDS.

Sheriff Craig: There are different policies for different situations. In the county jail, inmates known to have AIDS are isolated and kept in single cells for their safety and that of others. As you know, known homosexuals are separated in our jails and kept apart from other inmates for their own safety. If openly gay prisoners were mixed with others, the gay prisoners would have a lot of serious problems.

Outside the jail, we do not have a specific policy for AIDS. Our deputies are instructed to protect themselves whenever they are handling blood or body fluids by wearing plastic gloves. This is the policy when they are conducting searches of narcotic users or in similar high-risk situations.

MGW: This newspaper carried stories a few months ago about allegations of abuse of a gay prisoner at Rio Cosumnes Correctional Facility. What was your response, Sheriff Craig, to those charges?

Sheriff Craig: We conducted an internal investigation into those allegations. Our investigation did not confirm the charge that the prisoner was made to wear a pink

armband. He was required to wear a colored shirt as all gay prisoners are, for their own protection. Our investigation did confirm that one guard made inappropriate comments; several people heard the comments. The guard was reprimanded and our deputies are well aware that he was reprimanded.

MGW: Sheriff, what would you say is your most difficult task as the chief of a large law enforcement agency?

Sheriff Craig: Trying to bring about change in any law enforcement agency is a difficult task. I need people in management positions who see the need for change and can manage that change. People who can do that are rare. We must be a reflection of the community we serve.

MGW: In the interest of furthering change, is there anything you want from Sacramento's gay community?

Sheriff Craig: Yes, I want communication with the gay community. I cannot deal with problems I'm not aware of, whether it's harassment or discriminatory treatment. With communication, we can help break down stereotypes and those stereotypes sometimes work both ways. Try not to come to me with generalities; I can't deal with generalities. But my door is open to anyone who wants to address specific concerns.

Greene reports that he did not question the sheriff about the Macy's restroom arrests because that subject requires separate coverage.

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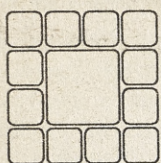
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MGW PALATE

Paragary's Still Paramount

by RICK WHITNAH

Ok, so it can be crowded...and noisy. So it's where all the yuppies hang out and cruise each other. So it's not cheap! But, the fact remains, after over four years, Paragary's is still turning out some of the freshest, most creative, non-intimidating food in Sacramento.

Remodeled almost five years ago by owner/attorney Randy Paragary, the restaurant was brightened up with a new bistro-like dining room, but the bar and lounge with its big stone fireplace, still retains much of the warmth and coziness of the former Lord Beaverbrooks. Also added was the trademark wood-fired oven where you can watch your favorite pizza prepared while you relax at your table.

Though known for its pizza calzone, what really shines are the soups, salads, pastas and entrees created by the very talented and modest Chef, Rick Mahan. Rick came to Paragary's via Joan Leineke's Cafe Natomas in Folsom. He seems to possess an in-born sense of combining the freshest of ingredients, which is reflected in each new monthly menu. Rick insists on seeking out the best produce available, often supplied by small local growers.

Pizzas are in demand, and there are about six or seven topping choices: from basil pesto and fresh tomatoes, to a memorable combination of grilled eggplant, caramelized onion, roasted peppers, goat cheese and rosemary. Though the pizzas are usually very good, I have found them to be a little dry on occasion.

Pizzas are also available in a small appetizer size, served in the bar, along with some other excellent starters. Their polenta, perhaps the first served up in Sacramento is a must; moist and savory, grilled and served sometimes with parmesan, mushrooms, roasted peppers or a herb butter. The mountains of crispy light onions are very popular. One of the best small dishes is a

delectable plate of thinly sliced smoked salmon with thyme scented cream fraiche and crisp-chewy homemade potato chips!

I personally like coming to Paragary's for a late and light meal, often just soup or salad. The house salad, a seemingly ordinary mix of leaf and red oak leaf lettuces, radishes and garlic crostini is made special by a superb citronette dressing. Two other menu salads of note are a Napa Cabbage with roasted red peppers, arugula and pine nuts with a creamy basil dressing; and a spicy chicken salad, again with Napa cabbage, red onions, cilantro, toasted almonds, hot chili oil and tamari. This salad was so terrific, we've ordered it on at least six occasions. However, I should mention that once it was not very spicy, and on another arrived completely without the chicken.

Chef Mahan seems to have particular finesse with soups and continuously comes up with sure palate pleasers; White Bean with Rosemary, Summer Minestrone with Pesto, Potato Leek with Roasted Yellow Peppers, Baby Corn and Tomato Chowder...never once have I been disappointed by the soups at Paragary's.

Moving on to heavier fare, there are usually several menu pastas as well as nightly specials. The pasta is made fresh daily at Paragary's Fair Oaks Blvd. (formerly Zito's) under the supervision of the talented Chef Kurt Spataro. The pasta variations are too numerous to mention, but one that still lingers in my mind is the tender duck raviolis in a ginger-tamari sauce with jauliened scallions. Most pasta dishes are excellent, though one special described as fettuccine with a four mushroom and sausage marinara come off like a generic spaghetti with meat sauce.

Non-pasta entrees range from fresh fish to marinated game hens and an occasional beef dish, usually mesquite grilled and served with herbed roasted potatoes and grilled or sauteed veggies. Special attention is always given to preparation, seasoning and presentation. Meats and fish tend to run on the rare side, so order accordingly. Space doesn't permit mention of the vast array of entrees that have been offered, but I can honestly say my favorite was a tender, juicy, perfectly grilled salmon filet served with an intense Nicoise Olive butter to match the often assertive flavor of the fish.

If you still have room, you can choose from four to six desserts, again prepared at the Fair Oaks store by Pastry Chef Margi Tose. The desserts have been a bit inconsistent at times, but I really enjoyed a creative "Peach Taco", actually a delicate chocolate crepe enfolding ripe, juicy peaches, and whip cream in a pool of peach puree. My partner loved the thin but intense Kahlua Pecan Tart with dark chocolate sauce. On another visit, a rich, but light pumpkin cheesecake was moist, spicy and satisfying.

One of the best things about Paragary's is still the service. Most of the staff has been around for years and seem almost like friends. The wait persons are casual, yet efficient, well informed and will honestly guide you to the best of the day's choices. Prices are reasonable and range from as low as \$2.00 for some appetizers to about \$15.95 tops for a few entrees.

Rumors have flown recently regarding the imminent sale of both Paragary's restaurants, but for now, its apparently off, so its business as usual. Hopefully, the excellent food and service will continue to make Paragary's one of the top choices for downtown dining. □

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"Coming Out" Workshop Scheduled

A workshop entitled "Coming Out to Yourself, Your Parents, Your Family, Your Friends" will be presented on Sunday, November 15, from 1:30-5pm by the Sacramento chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). The workshop will be conducted in the Geneva Room at Fremont Presbyterian Church, 5770 Carlson Drive near CSUS.

This fourth annual workshop is offered to help lesbians and gay men and their parents deal with the issues and situations of "coming out." The program will include skits dramatizing some of these issues and situations, small group discussions, and time for individual questions and support. Parents, gay men, and lesbians will be involved in presenting the program and responding to questions. All participants will receive a packet of useful information and reference sources.

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DREAMS AND SWORDS by Katherine Forrest, Naiad Press, 174 pages, 1987, \$8.95

MEMORY BOARD by Jane Rule, Naiad Press, 322 pages, 1987, \$8.95

Reviews by JOYCE BRIGHT

Reviewing Katherine Forrest and Jane Rule in the same space strikes me as just a little bit unseemly — kind of like casting your pearls before pearls. They are, of course, very different writers. One is a seer; the other a sage. Forrest is a great myth-maker, reminding us of the dragon-slayer and magician within each woman. Rule addresses more common labor of life: the grocery list and daily laundry from which we try to extract meaning, and invent purpose. Forrest gives us a dream, a winged-horse, upon which the future can be confidently approached. Rule demonstrates the courage it took to get out of bed

this morning. Both writers are intelligent and sensitive — brilliant in what they do. Taken together, each woman balances out not only the other but also the internal and external experiences of being fully human.

Forrest's latest book, **Dreams and Swords**, is a collection of short stories. A Kate Delafield piece has our detective working on a case with a sister Sheriff up the coast from Los Angeles. Contary to what I said in the above paragraph, there are three serious short stories — two of rather tortured psychologies. But the best stories in the book are the science fiction. In these stories, Forrest's imagination is not fettered by painful considerations — or at least none that can't be overcome. Her humor, sensitivity and sensuality shine through providing us with bedtime fantasies, myths to nurture and dark hours of unconsciousness. This is what Forrest does

best...written in perfect prose.

Rule's novel, **Memory Board**, is the work of an extremely mature talent. David Crown, retired newscaster, wants to reconnect with his twin sister. His wife is dead. His children and grandchildren don't even know he has a sister, a retired doctor, living in the same city. Diana, the twin, has lived with Constance for 40 years. Constance, a delightfully charming woman, has very little memory available to her — Diana writes her daily tasks on a "memory board" so that Constance can maintain some semblance of orientation to time and place. David is not welcomed with open arms into his sister's household. His children doubt him. Constance seldom remembers who he is. Alternately funny and poignant, this novel speaks both to the frailty and strength of human flesh and human bonding.

This is an extraordinary novel — thematically pure — almost a

meditation on the relationship between memory and commitment. How much of who I am is determined by the memory of who I am? The memory I have of who you are? How much of my humanity is involved in the commitment I have to remain faithful to my memories? Surely memories that take the form of resentment do not serve me. Yet how much of the loose ends I experience in life are really the result of forgotten promises? This is a novel of profound and abiding commitment. It is a tender and optimistic tale. □

BITS AND PIECES

THE PINK TRIANGLE

by Richard Plant

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I think the play "Bent" probably demonstrates in a more experiential way what Plant's book is concerned with in a non-fiction way. The problem with a book that deals with Nazi Germany and the homosexual is that few survivors want to talk about their experience as concentration camp victims. After all, these men were liberated from the camps only to be put in jail — but also the archives are less revealing when it comes to homosexuals. The truth is we have little way of knowing how many men were offered up for medical experimentation and death in the camps. We know that homosexuals were deemed morally and genetically unfit to live...We were murdered.

This book is good at recapturing the legal history of homosexuality in Germany, of describing the pre-war atmosphere and politics that led to the purge of Roehm and the SS. Richard Plant, a Jew and a homosexual, fled Frankfurt in his teens as Hitler was coming to power. The book takes on special meaning when Plant finally returns to Frankfurt long after the war to search for a special friend with whom he grew up. I suspect, however, that the full length story of the homosexual in the concentration camp has still to be written.

TRAVELS WITH DIANA HUNTER

by Regine Sand

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I'm not sure you'll find this book at Lioness — it is not politically correct by any stretch of imagination. This novel is a romp through Yuppieland with New Age ladies too conscious and sexual to mention. Don't push the river, and do ride the horse in the direction it's going — an oblique reference to Werner Erhardt and Fritz Perls in the same paragraph makes me smile. This book was written for me. I loved it!

THE LOVE OF GOOD WOMEN

by Isabel Miller

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By the author of *Patience and Sahara*, this novel is simply great. It is set in the latter years of World War II. Gertrude is the quintessential wife, convinced she is at fault when her husband beats her or verbally abuses her. When economic necessity drives her off to work, she is at first shocked by the speech and behavior of the other women. Her transformation from acquiescing victim to a power in her own life is prose writing at its best. Milly, her sister-in-law and closeted dyke, repulses her, nurtures her and ultimately inspires her. For those who have been waiting for a new

book by Isabel Miller, this is a novel worth waiting for.

PAZ

by Camarin Grae

Naiad Press
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I have enjoyed all of Grae's books. She mixes fantasy, science fiction, and power politics in a thought provoking and imaginative way. Drew McAllister, after an accident, discovers she has the power to implant ideas, values, and beliefs into the minds of others. How to use this power? In a sense this is a question that confronts us all although, like Drew, we may not find ourselves manipulated by the government nor in fear for our own lives. There are some wonderful characters in this book, women I feel in love with.

A HISTORY OF SHADOWS

by Robert C. Reinhart

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Minding The Body Mending The Mind

Reviewed by JOYCE BRIGHT

Minding the Body Mending the Mind — by Joan Borysenko, Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, 241 pages in hardback, \$14.95.

I'm of two minds concerning this book. Written by a doctor who has done some groundbreaking work at the Mind/Body Clinic in New England Deaconess Hospital, I doubt neither Borysenko's credentials nor her sincerity. People come to Borysenko's clinic with ulcers and migraines and, without drugs or medical procedures, leave feeling improved or cured. Through meditation and psychotherapy and

"mindfulness" — through the discovery of self and creative imagination — one allows the mind to work with the body in a healing process.

It isn't that I disagree with much of what's being said here; in fact, I agree with a good deal of it. The problem perhaps is my west-coast New Age bias — this book seems pretty simplistic. Haven't most of our employers put us through stress-reduction workshops? Most of us believe in meditation — and we're going to start as soon as our schedules allow, right? Good heavens, I have friends who are

light-years beyond this; who know how to draw in their auras and close down their lower chakras the moment they leave the house! the problem isn't so much that we lack knowledge, but that we lack application — and how do you create an external environment to support the healing process?

However, the final chapter of this book, "Sam's Story," was worth reading for me. Sam is a doctor dying of AIDS. He and Borysenko become friends and teach each other. It is a touching story. Perhaps it opens up some room for reflective self-knowing. □

by JOYCE BRIGHT

I confess, when Gail approached me with the idea of an out-of-town conference, I had visions of the Hyatt Regency and gourmet meals. OK — so the conference was called "The Female Principle" and I should know that my sisters are never going to organize an event at the Hyatt.

Nevertheless, when a four-page, single-spaced, instruction list arrived at the house, I was not prepared for the "out-there-otherwise" of this conference. It was a bring-your-own-sleeping-bag, camp-at-the-dorms, tofu-vegie type of affair. An Egyptian reunion was planned for Saturday night, a psychic talent show for Sunday. The workshops ranged from crystal

Growin' Up Gay

wand making to grounding techniques for bringing in your aura and closing down your first chakra. Did I raise an eyebrow? Certainly not. I collapsed on the bed, for two hours laughing so hard I hurt. Considering the evening's joke well worth the \$100 fee I had sent in, I asked Gail if maybe she didn't want to just forget the whole thing and stay home?

I came back from the conference last month with two new crystals, a psychic reading that has me ruminating over past lives, and a

whole new appreciation for the color of my aura. I watched an acupuncturist stick pins in Gail and cure her cold. I got very clear about my north node and 12th house cusp. I learned how to massage my spine by rubbing the arches in my feet!

Surely there is more to marvel over under heaven than there are stars in a night's sky. My sisters reminded me once again of our ancient wisdom, of the mysteries in our shared connection. I'm glad I went to the conference.

Of course most of the women at the conference were lesbians. I know that gay men too have their spiritual retreats, their rituals and ceremonies. I do not think gay people, as a group, are any more

spiritual than nongays. But I suspect our spirituality often takes a different form.

Because at some point each of us noticed that we were not the same as mainstream society and because we had few models for what it meant to be gay human beings, most of us have had to struggle hard with our identities — we have invented ourselves, our identities, and our place in society. Not all of us have succeeded in this struggle, but psychologists tell us that when we, as gay people, have succeeded in carving out happy lives, we have succeeded well. In many areas of mental health, we are healthier than our nongay counterparts.

Equally, as gays, each of us has had to come to terms with issues

around religion. Because often the dogma of our fathers has condemned us, we have had to create our own beliefs. Although we all have our prejudices, I know few of us who are moral bigots or spiritual judges. We are a compassionate community, living in process, tolerant of those who are unlike us. I believe the concern we demonstrate for each other is the true signature of our faith, and our faith is mighty. I am proud to be part of this community.

Oh! the psychic talent show...Well, the belly dancer was absolutely breathtaking. The erotic reading that ended the night was hysterical.

And the food? My sisters might not gather at the Hyatt, but when they gather, where they gather, nurturing and nourishment are served in equal measures. The food was great — the stuff of true communion. □



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What To Do About a Tax Audit

by CATHERINE WHITNEY, EA & LINDA KILLICK, PFP

The time has come...you have received a notice for a tax audit by the IRS. What should you do?

Again I say, always take care of the problem right away, never put it aside until later. Secondly, don't panic. Determine what the IRS wants from you. If you have prepared your returns carefully and have kept good records, you should have nothing to fear. Many examinations are handled completely by mail and involve just a few documents to support your claims and can be a very simple matter.

The time to prepare for an audit is when you are filling out your return. Keep all cancelled checks and receipts that support deductions and credits, with clear notes about the facts and figures, in one place so you can lay your hands on those important pieces of paper when you need them. How long should you keep these records? Keep them as long as you need to support any entry on your return. The IRS is usually three years behind in audits, so you need to keep records at least that long. But it would be better to keep them six years, when limits on criminal prosecution expire. You may have to prove that you actually

filed a return, and that the return was not fraudulent.

The 1986 Tax Reform Act has greatly complicated deductions for interest. The IRS will now expect us to show the origination of our interest deductions and what the money is used for. With many people using 2nd mortgages and equity access loans, keeping all records about your personal residence is very important.

There are three types of audits...audits by mail, office-interview and field audits. As I mentioned before, the audit by mail can be a simple matter if you handle it right away. It is generally limited to just a few items and all you need to do is send copies of supporting documents. Never send originals and never try to handle the audit by phone. Always send copies of documents and make copies of any letters you send. Always send their copy of the letter that you receive from the IRS.

In a face-to-face audit you will receive a list of items that they are questioning. Try to keep the scope of the examination to those items by bringing only those documents that support those deductions. Never offer any other information unless specifically asked. Be well prepared, organized, courteous and business-like. If you can substan-

tiate most items in question they will usually accept all other items.

Field audits are for business returns and for some large and complex individual returns. They are usually conducted at your place of business. You should start preparing for the audit as soon as you receive your notice. Carefully examine the return to determine any problems before the audit begins. Have your books in order, and have all supporting documents well organized. Again, be helpful, courteous, and business-like. These examinations are very thorough, and will cover all aspects of your business. If you have prepared your returns carefully and have documented all expenses and deductions, you should have nothing to fear.

If you feel intimidated or do not understand what the IRS wants from you, seek a tax practitioner. Most tax professionals will represent you in an audit, if they have prepared your return, at no cost. For the most part, it pays off in the long run to have representation if your case is weak or you do not thoroughly understand the whole process. Again, three types of tax practitioners who can "stand in your shoes" are CPAs, Tax Attorneys, and Enrolled Agents. □

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November

2 Monday

Sacramento Symphony Kinderconcerts "Snow White." \$2.50 9:45 - 11 a.m. Community Center Theatre, 14th & L sts. 973-0300.

Lesbian Rap Group meets 7-9 at Lambda Center, 1931 L St. Topic: Dealing with family.

3 Tuesday

Sacramento Symphony See Monday **Outdoor Adventures of Sac.** Potluck dinner/group meeting, 7pm at Lambda Center, 1931 L St. Joe 739-8132 or Ted, 454-1412.

VOTE!

4 Wednesday

National AIDS Conference Keynote speaker Barbara Boxer and Gary Noble, Nancy Pelosi, Michael Samuels and David Sundwall. Thru Thursday. S.F. Civic Auditorium. Persons with AIDS/ARC free. Registration required, AIDS Contact S.F. Dept. of Public Health

5 Thursday

Volleyball Everyone invited. 7:30 - 10 p.m. Sac. City's Women's Gym. Daryl, 442-3102 or David, 925-0724

6 Friday

AIDS Prayer Vigil Together We Stand is the theme for the third annual vigil. Thru Sunday. Begins 7:30 p.m. Friday with worship services of Friday and Sunday evening and a special Gospel Concert on Saturday evening. \$4 donation is requested. RCMCC, Church Sanctuary, 2741 34th St. at Broadway. Rev. Dunlap 454-4762.

Holly Near and Ferron in concert at the Crest, 1013 K Street, 8pm. \$14.50.

Capitol City Ballet will perform Stravinsky's "Firebird". Sac. City College Auditorium. 395-BASS.

Chemical Dependency Center is sponsoring a free workshop entitled CO-DEPENDENT RELATIONSHIPS, presented by Jane R. Zeiger, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, 11am-noon. 448-2951.

June Millington At the Blue Moon, 2565 Franklin Blvd. 9pm, \$4 in advance, \$5 at door.

"AIDS: Changing the Rules" hosted by Ron Reagan Jr. at 10pm on PBS.

Quaker Lesbian Conference Thru 11/9. Ben Lomond Quaker Conference Center. Aedena Dalena 408-688-1333.

Youth Group meets at Lambda Center, 1931 L St. from 4-6pm for ages 21 and under.

7 Saturday

Sacramento Symphony Choral Concert featuring the Symphony Chorus in works by Stravinsky and Poulenc. \$8-\$20. 8 p.m. Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, 11 h & K sts. 973-0300

AIDS Prayer Vigil See Friday.

Outdoor Adventures of Sac Fun Run and Brunch, 10am, Stan 444-2954

Capitol City Ballet see Nov. 6

Ahavat Tzion Meeting with Rabbi Frazen in his study at B'nai Israel, 12:30. 3600 Riverside Blvd.

Sacto Women's Rugby Tournament, 9am, Florin Reservoir Park, off Power Inn Rd. between Elder Creek and Florin Rd. Party Following at Blue Moon. \$5 cover. All you can eat and drink!

Women With Children, lesbian mothers support group meet at 10am. Lee Zellmer 971-9320 for details.

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Holly Near in Concert
See Nov. 6 for details

Department of the Presbytery of Sac. is sponsoring a support for gay lesbian Presbyterians, their families and friends. 12-2pm. 443-5710 or 371-4416.

8 Sunday

AIDS Prayer Vigil See Friday
Sacramento Symphony On tour in Vacaville. Haydn, Nielson and Mendelssohn. \$3.50 - \$7.50. vacaville Community Center, 1100 Alamo Drive. 973-0300

Parenting Faire for lesbians and gay men. 11 - 5 p.m. \$3 - \$10. The Women's Building 3543 18th St., S.F. 415-641-0220.

United Single Women Ass. Bowling, Country Club Lanes, 1-4pm. Jamie 372-4692 or Diane 381-2175.

9 Monday

Sacramento Symphony In Angel's Camp. Haydn, Mendelssohn and Nielsen. \$7.50 8:15 p.m. Angel's Theatre. 973-0300

Lesbian Rap Group meet at Lambda Center, 1931 L St. from 7-9pm. Potluck and socializing.

11 Wednesday

The Washington Sisters appear at The Blue Moon. 2565 Franklin Blvd.

12 Thursday

Volleyball Everyone invited. 7:30 - 10 p.m. Sac. City's Women's Gym. Daryl, 442-3102 or David, 925-0724

13 Friday

Ahavat Tzion Sabbath service at Lambda Center, 1931 L St.

Capitol City Ballet. see Nov. 6

Youth Group meets at Lambda Center, 1931 L St. from 4-6pm for ages 21 and under.

14 Saturday

United Single Women Ass. Dance For Women at Lambda Center, 1931 L St. Jamie 372-4692 or Diane 381-2175.

Our River City Family November Potluck. location to be announced. 371-2876.

15 Sunday

Crime Victims Networking Day

Workshops on issues affecting lesbian and gay crime victims. Omni Hotel, Charleston, S.C. Free. 202-332-6483

"Coming Out Workshop" presented by Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). 1:30-5pm in Geneva Room at Fremont Presbyterian Church, 5770 Carlson Drive. 444-9510

Our River City Family planning meeting/potluck, 7pm, 2752 Olive Court, West Sac. 371-2876.

Annie Get Your Gun performed by Sacramento Do-Cats. 8:30pm at Images 2840 Auburn Blvd. \$5 donation.

16 Monday

Lesbian Rap Group meets at Lambda Center, 1931 L St. from 7-9pm. Coming Out Stories.

17 Tuesday

PFLAG meets at 7:30 in Primary Two Room, Freemont Presbyterian Church, 5770 Carlson Dr. 444-9510 or 443-5710.

19 Thursday

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Gays of Yolo County Holiday Combination, Rap/potluck. 1-661-6278. G.O.Y.C. P.O. Box 62, Woodland, Ca 95695.

20 Friday

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Heather Bishop appears at the Blue Moon 2565 Franklin Blvd.

21 Saturday

Outdoor Adventures of Sac Fun Run and Brunch, 10am Stan 444-2954.

22 Sunday

SACWN Holiday Party 362-3455

23 Monday

Lesbian Rap Group meets at Lambda Center, 1931 L St. from 7-9pm. Isms in the Community.

26 Thursday

Volleyball Everyone invited. 7:30 - 10 p.m. Sac. City's Women's Gym. Daryl, 442-3102 or David, 925-0724

27 Friday

Youth Group meets at Lambda Center, 1931 L St. from 4-6pm for ages 21 and under.

30 Monday

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SAGA III Men's VB organized a scrimmage with teams from San Francisco, San Jose and Half Moon Bay on September 10. Although Team Sacramento didn't win the

competition, the exposure to tournament regulation play will benefit each team member in San Diego.

The team plans to compete in the North American Gay Volleyball Association's (NAGVA) National Competition to be held in Montreal, Canada, May 1988.

Volleyball enthusiasts are invited to recreation or competitive play, Thursdays at Sacramento City College Women's Gym (across from the new baseball stands) 7:30-10pm. Help is needed to raise entry fees, travel funds etc. Contact Daryl Rice Men's VB coordinator at 442-3102

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• ASSEMBLYMAN PHIL ISENBERG—1215 -15th St., Ste. 102, 95814. Connie Damant is liaison, 324-4677.

• HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION—2131 Capitol Ave., Suite 206, 95816. 4th Wed., 6:30pm, City Hall 444-6903.

• RIVER CITY DEMOCRATIC CLUB—Box 161958, 95816. Meets 3rd Mon. at Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St., Doug Brown, Pres. 447-8114

• SAC. NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS—3rd Tues, 5:30pm open, meeting. 2224 J St. Lioness Books 965-9115.

Religion

• AFFIRMATION United Methodists for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, Ellie, Jeanne, 489-2340

• AHAVAT TZION—Jewish group, 2nd Fri. 7:30pm 1931 L St, Brian, 443-1765.

• CONGREGATION SHA'AR ZAHAV—Box 5640, SF 94101

• DIGNITY—Box 161765, 95816. (Catholic) MASS & MEETING, 2nd Sun., 3pm, St. Francis Chapel, 26th & 'K'. 638-8344

• EMERGENCE FOR LESBIAN AND GAY CHRISTIANSCIENTISTS. — Every Fri. 7:30 p.m. (415) 485-1881

• LATTER-DAY SAINT—Every Sun. 1 p.m., Lambda Center, 1931 L St., 447-5755

• METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH —2741-34th St., Box 20125, 95820. WORSHIP SERVICES, Sun., 8 a.m. — 10:15 a.m. and Sunday Eve. 5:45p.m. 454-4762 or 381-7670

• METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE SIERRAS—120 Thome St., Reno, Nev. 89501. Services, Sun 12:30 pm WRAP Group, 1st & 3rd Mons. 7:30 pm Evening Service, 1st, 3rd Suns. 7:30 Rev. Don Magill-Knitting, 702/348-7377.

• LUTHERANS CONCERNED/SA—3rd Sun. Sonja, 447-3625

• PRESBYTERIAN GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP—5-9 p.m. Merrill & Muriel Follansbee, 443-5710.

• S.D.A. KINSHIP SACRAMENTO—(Seventh-day Adventists) Potluck and fellowship, 485-1694, 455-8940. For brochure, Box 340, Carm. 95609.

• SIERRA OAKS NEW COVENANT CHRISTIAN CHURCH—Sun. 10am, 2106 11th Ave., Sac., Rev. Pat Warriner, 372-3705

Miscellaneous

• AIDS FOUNDATION—Sac Chapter, 1900 K St., Suite 201. AIDS info., referrals, education, counseling. 448-AIDS.

• ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS (ACA)—Sat. 12:30-2pm. No smoking 2741 34th (MCC Church) 448-1598

• ACROPOLIS Computer Service for Men—4620 Hazel Ave. F.O. 95628, 300/1200/2400, 8/N/1, Will, Robert, 967-5817

• AIDS SUPPORT GROUP— for PWAs, PWARCs and HIV positives, every Sat. 10-12am, 34th Broadway.

• ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS—NORTH HALL GROUP at MCC, 2741-34th St. 442-2596. Mon: 8 p.m. closed, Tues: 6 p.m. closed Woman's, 8 p.m. Beginners. Weds: 8 p.m. open Step Study, Thurs: 8 p.m. open non-smoking, Fri: 8 p.m. open, (last Fri, Birthday Night). Sat: 8 p.m. open, Sun: 6 p.m. open Men's, 8 p.m. open. Tues. evening meetings in the Clooney Clubhouse at McKinley Park, 7pm.

• BARBARY COAST BOATING CLUB—Sac Delta, SF Bay. 511 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. c-167, Suite 7, Greenbrae, CA 94904

• CAPITAL CITY SQUARE DANCE CLUB—Beginners: Wed., 7-9:30p.m., Mark Twain School, 4914 58th St. Mainstream/Advanced: Tue., 7-9:30p.m., David Lubin School, 3535 M St., Joel, 967-0133.

• DISCOVER SACRAMENTO HOTLINE—449-5566.

• GAYLA SINGLES GROUP—Tues., 7:30pm, Downstairs Social Hall, MCC 2741 34th St., 454-4762.

• G.G.N.I.E.—Box 160636, 95816. 1st Tue., Faces, 7:30pm. Last Tues., Bd. Mtg. 447-0345, 927-9540.

• GAYS OF YOLO COUNTY (GOYC)—Box 62, Woodland Ca. 95695. 1-661-6278.

• KIDS OF ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLE ADULTS(K.O.A.L.A.)—Barbara 971-9320

• LAVENDER ROOTS—Genealogy Club. Thurs. 7pm. Genealogy Room, Carmichael Branch Library, Scott 483-0626.

• MARCH ON WASHINGTON FOR LESBIAN AND GAY RIGHTS—Sacramento March Committee, P.O. Box 188458, CA 95818. Contact Gerry Gomez, 447-1111

• OUTDOOR ADVENTURES of Sac., Monthly potluck meeting, 1st Thurs. Joe 739-8132, or Ted 454-1412.

• PARENTS & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS & GAYS—555 Valombrosa, #73, Chico. 3rd Sun., 1pm. 891-5718.

• PARENTS & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS—Freemont Presbyterian Church, 5770 Carlson H St., 3rd Tues. 7:30pm, Merrill Follansbee, 444-9510 or Box 660955, Sac. 95866.

• PET LOSS SUPPORT GROUP—655 University Ave. Suite 115. 725-1383.

• PILLARS—social group, primarily men, alternating Friday evenings: 455-1771. 6:30 pm

• RAZA DEL AMBIENTE—Support/social group. Xavier. 1-756-1942

• RIVER CITY BOWLERS—Sun., 6pm Land Park Bowl, 5850 Freeport Blvd. & Fri. 6:15pm Birdage Lanes, 6151 Sunrise Blvd., Cit. Hts., Mike Bogumil, 485-0121

• RIVER CITY CYCLISTS—1008 10th St., Suite 128, 95814, 381-3380 Jacques

Student

These student groups usually get together when classes are in session.

• GAYS & LESBIANS AT ARC—Thurs 7 p.m. Mark or Michell thru Dr. Johns 484-8340

• CHICO STATE GAY/LESBIAN UNION—CSU Chico, 95926

• GAYS & LESBIANS AT DAVIS 433 Russell Blvd., Davis 95616. 753-2090 (24 hr. recording) 753-2195 during office hours.

• McGEORGE LAMBDA LAW STUDENTS ASSN.—451-7394

• YUBA COLLEGE GAY PEOPLE'S UNION—Yuba College, Marysville, Wed., Noon, Room 121A. 1-673-5377

Women

• CAMPING WOMEN—Sac Chapter, Box 1341, Placerville, Ca. 95667, Audrey Saker, 1-677-1544.

• CSUS WOMEN'S CENTER—6000 'J' St., 95819. 278-7388.

• DAIS WOMEN'S READING CIRCLE—Meets 2nd and 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm., Christine 322-4347 or 758-2875.

• GAY & LESBIAN ALLIANCE OF SAC—social/support group basically CSUS students, but open to others. Michael 451-5725.

• LEATHER AND LACE—Motorcycle Club. 348-1037.

• LESBIANS FOR SOBRIETY—Support group for women, 7:30p.m., Tues. Betty, 453-0791. Women's Stress Alternatives, 448-2951.

• LESBIAN RIGHTS PROJECT—1370 Mission St., SF 94103. Public interest law firm.

• LES BIENS: WOMEN PREFERRING WOMEN—Women's support group, Fairfield. (707)448-1010(eve). Box 73, Fairfield 94533.

• LESBIAN CRISIS LINE—Mon-Fri 3-9 p.m. EST at 1-800-221-7044.

• NAT'L ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN—Box 1404, 95807. 3rd Wed., 7pm at 1931 L St. 443-3470.

• NOW LESBIAN RIGHTS TASK FORCE—Meets first Wed. 7:30, 331-5036, Kay, Lorraine.

• NWPC, 4th Wed. Lioness Books, 2224 J, 6-7pm

• RAPE CRISIS CENTER—447-3223 office. 447-RAPE crisis line, 1831 L St. 95814.

• SAC PULSE—Women's Card Group, Gloria 922-4286.

• SAC AREA CAREER WOMEN'S NETWORK Dinner Meetings 3rd Friday 6:30-9:30. 362-3455

• SAC WOMEN'S CENTER—Lioness Books, 2224 'J' St., 442-4657.

• SACRAMENTO WOMEN'S CHORUS—Mon. 5:30-7 p.m. Sandy 487-3068.

• SNOW WHITE CHAMPAGNE BALL—December party for women. To be on mailing list write Linda Birner, 1400 'S' Street, Suite 100, 95814.

• UNITED SINGLE WOMEN'S ASSOC.—372-4692.

• WOMEN'S RAP GROUP AND SOCIAL—Mondays, 7-9pm Lambda Center, 1931 L St., Laura, 739-1159.

• W.E.A.V.E. BATTERED LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP—Every Mon. 6-8pm. 1606 H St. 448-2321.

• WOMANKIND HEALTH CLINIC—2720 Capitol Ave., Ste.105. Basic GYN care, call for appi 448-KIND.

• WOMEN'S HEALTH RESOURCE of Sutter Community Hospital, 733-3000

• WOMEN'S STRESS ALTERNATIVES —448-2951

• WOMOTION—Bicycle club for women, Lori, 455-1983

• WOMEN WITH CHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP—971-9320

• YOLO COUNTY NOW LESBIAN RIGHTS TASK FORCE—4th Wed. 7:30pm, 756-2541.

• YWCA—1122-17th St., 95814. 442-4741

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AUDREY

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with," Mertz said. "They're always struggling and struggling and struggling. Someone has to help."

From her years as a psychiatrist and a public health worker, Mertz saw firsthand the effects of poverty and alienation. But, the dire need for services wasn't brought home until she became the president of the local chapter of NOW.

"As president, I knew how many inquiries came into NOW from

women with no money," she said. "They have legal problems and want NOW to help solve them or tell them how to get help when they're getting abuse from their husbands or having financial problems. Those are the typical problems that women go to feminist organizations for — to help them fight for their rights."

Giving time and money is a response that stems from more than Mertz's personal times of tragedy. Her family was part of the political and religious communities of Pittsburg, the town where she grew up. That sense of belonging

fostered a tradition of helping the community in Mertz and her two brothers.

Although Mertz wasn't a red-diaper baby, her father was a union organizer — albeit a classical and pop cellist in the musician's union. Her parents also were staunch church-goers.

"My father was a real enterprising man who encouraged the education of his children and community involvement," she said.

Those beliefs translated into a life of teaching and civil service for all three children. Today all are affiliated with universities. The eldest

brother is a musician and choir master while the youngest is a medical doctor.

To them giving isn't a duty or a chore. It's part of the way they find meaning in life. Recently, Mertz combine a love of travel with an interest in the environment by spending a month on the East Indian island of Borneo as a volunteer for the Orangutan Project.

"I learned so much while there," she said. "I had the privilege of observing infant-mother interac-

tion in three pairs of orangutans. I got up at dawn and reported on their activities each day. It was one of the most exciting times of my life."

For Mertz, charity isn't just a tax deduction. It's an investment in her vision of the future — one that includes a healthy environment as well as the freedom to be a lesbian without legal or political harassment. Until that day, however, Mertz knows that the satisfaction she gets is worth every penny she gives. □

GIVE

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sion evangelists. Before their fall, Jim and Tammy Bakker pulled in over \$100 million in 1986 alone. And they were only one of six major TV evangelists. In addition to strategies like the PTL Lifetime Partnerships — that cost \$1,000 each — these religious organizations solicit donations on a daily basis with one of the most powerful tools imaginable — television, bringing pictures of dead fetuses and

starving children right into the viewer's home. With these vivid appeals, money pours in like pennies from heaven.

The truly amazing aspect of TV evangelist's power has to do with numbers — or lack of them. Most of the telegenic pastors depend on a very small minority of followers. The viewing audience is less than two percent of the U.S. population and is made up of elderly women in their 70s who are of blue-collar backgrounds.

Clearly, this tiny audience is not a hindrance. It may be very small and very poor but it is very dedicated. With the money TV preachers get, they are changing the course of history. If nothing else, they are slowing down progress — and people are suffering as a result of it.

Whether the effects are felt immediately or not, the fact that many gay men and lesbians don't think they can afford to give money hurts the community badly.

But the United Way offers this tip: Give one hour of your salary a week. It won't hurt at the time but it will make a difference over a year. Or if you already give to an organization like the United Way, ask that your donation go to a designated organization — like an AIDS foundation.

Providing services and fighting for rights costs money.

If the gay community is going to win in its battle for equality and human rights, it is going to have to reach into its pockets on a regular basis. Fighting AIDS is the most costly and immediate battle now being faced. Even with AIDS draining the community's resources, the idea of leaving behind a better world cannot be abandoned. □

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PROTEST

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treated to a nutritious breakfast of balonga on Wonder with a side of donuts.

By 8 a.m. we were worn and dispirited. Then, from the adjacent cell, the unseen men began to chant, "Good morning, Sisters! Good morning, Sisters!" They brightened my day more than they will ever know. The two cells traded songs and chants until the guards called a halt. We were all too tired to argue.

At midday they trucked us back to the courthouse. I was frisked for the 7th time and put into my 11th cell. The day was a reenactment of the previous one with the 4th number adding even more confusion. Again our numbers dwindled, and I was passed over time after time. Finally they came for me and I stood before the judge, only to find that my records had been lost for good, the charges dismissed. Dazed from 36 hours without sleep and an anticlimactic outcome, I was guided out of the courtroom into the hands of the support people waiting with real food and many hugs.

Everyone who participated in this

action has her/his own story to tell. The men have a different perspective from the women, as do those who were released early and those who stayed on. The experience was different for people with AIDS and ARC, for those with disabilities, for those who had done this before. People who went to jail and people who lost their jobs over this will have other kinds of feelings. The support people who remained outside and the lawyers who worked to exhaustion on our behalf are the unsung heroes. It's so important for the people inside to know that there are people who are standing by to help. It's easier to be in custody when you know you are not forgotten and alone.

We blocked entrance to the Supreme Court for most of a day. No one has ever done that before. But we cannot leave it at that. I have sampled jail under the best of conditions; if we back off now, many of us will know it under the worst. Recent events have tragically demonstrated that we are not safe, not even right here in River City.

As I left the courthouse just ahead of two policemen, I took a deep breath and sighed, "Free air!" One of the officers remarked smugly, "Yes, isn't justice great?" "Sure is," I replied over my shoulder. "Too bad there's so little of it around here." □

SAM

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flowering tree and munched for another hour. The welcome crackling sound of branches being bent into a nest signaled that Sam was at the end of his day, and we could go home to supper.

I was very satisfied at the end of this day. I felt privileged to enter the habitat of another primate and watch his life. Sam is habituated to people, who walk on the ground below, look up through cameras and binoculars, and write in notebooks. These people do not give him food, take his food, threaten him, or otherwise in-

terfere with his life. He still lives in the old way and will never have to live in a zoo.

The preservation and protection of these animals and their forest is the mission of Dr. Birute Galdikas. She has been there for seventeen years, pursuing her childhood goal of learning all there is to know about orangutans in the wild. In the past four years, 350 volunteers have come to spend two weeks with her, as I did, through the Earth-watch system of supporting research projects all over the world. Information about Earth-watch can be obtained at this address: 680 Mt. Auburn Street, Box 403, Watertown MA 02272 □

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